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Operational activities for development

Report of the Second Committee*

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1. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 16 September 2016, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its seventy-first session the item entitled:

"Operational activities for development:

"(a) Operational activities for development of the United Nations system;

"(b) South-South cooperation for development"

and to allocate it to the Second Committee.

2. The Second Committee held a substantive debate on the item at its 6th and 7th meetings, on 6 October 2016. An account of the Committee's discussion of the item is contained in the relevant summary records.[1] Attention is also drawn to the general debate held by the Committee at its 2nd to 5th meetings, on 3 and 4 October 2016.[2] An account of the Committee's further consideration of the item is provided in the addenda to the present report.

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

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Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "Evaluation of the contribution of the United Nations development system

* The report of the Committee on this item is being issued in three parts, under the symbols A/71/468, A/71/468/Add.1 and A/71/468/Add.2.

[1] A/C.2/71/SR.6 and A/C.2/71/SR.7.

[2] See A/C.2/71/SR.2, A/C.2/71/SR.3, A/C.2/71/SR.4 and A/C.2/71/SR.5.

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to strengthening national capacities for statistical analysis and data collection to support the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals and other internationally agreed development goals" (A/71/431)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting his comments and those of the organizations of the United Nations system on the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "Evaluation of the contribution of the United Nations development system to strengthening national capacities for statistical analysis and data collection to support the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals and other internationally agreed development goals" (A/71/431/Add.1)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "Meta-evaluation and synthesis of the United Nations Development Assistance Framework evaluations, with a particular focus on poverty eradication" (A/71/533)

Letter dated 29 September 2016 from the Permanent Representative of Thailand to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the Ministerial Declaration adopted at the fortieth annual meeting of Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the States members of the Group of 77 (A/71/422)

Item 24 (a)
Operational activities for development of the United Nations system

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 67/226 on the quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system (A/71/63-E/2016/8)

Report of the Secretary-General on the quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system: recommendations (A/71/292/Rev.1)

Letter dated 30 September 2016 from the Permanent Representative of Bangladesh to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the Ministerial Declaration adopted at the annual ministerial meeting of the least developed countries, held in New York on 24 September 2016 (A/71/539)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "An analysis of the resource mobilization function within the United Nations system" (A/69/737)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting his comments and those of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination on the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "An analysis of the resource mobilization function within the United Nations system" (A/69/737/Add.1)

Item 24 (b)
South-South cooperation for development

Report of the Secretary-General on the state of South-South cooperation (A/71/208)

Report of the High-level Committee on South-South Cooperation on its nineteenth session (A/71/39)

Letter dated 30 September 2016 from the Permanent Representative of Bangladesh to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the Ministerial Declaration adopted at the annual ministerial meeting of the least developed countries, held in New York on 24 September 2016 (A/71/539)

4. At the 6th meeting, on 6 October, introductory statements were made by the Assistant Secretary-General for Policy Coordination and Inter-Agency Affairs (under sub-item (a)) and the Director of the United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation of the United Nations Development Programme (under sub-item (b)).